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LYING LOW... A soldier from the Torrance National Guard unit trains his rifle on the

'enemy' as flares explode during Tuesday night's Civil Defense drill here.



Visiting Officials Laud Drill

What sounded like a big 'enemy' attack somewhere in Torrance Tuesday night was just that. The mock-attack was planned to test the local Civil Defense set-up. The verdict... highly successful.

'Operation Dominguez,' which was fought out north of Torrance... boulevard... between Maple and Madrona avenues, 'went off so smoothly that it was almost unbelievable,' Capt. Douglas J. Horlander, of the Torrance National Guard unit and coordinator of the drill stated.

First of Its Kind The Torrance drill appeared to be the first of its kind attempting to coordinate the various agencies needed in times of emergency, Captain Horlander stated.

'We had a number of Civil Defense officials from outlying communities watching our drill,' Captain Horlander said.

They are anxious to get all the organizational details on it for their own use. We're going to prepare such a report of our experiences.'

The mock-battle involved an 'attack' by 'enemy paratroops' (Turn to Page 11)

Paul Loranger—'Man Of Year'

Paul Loranger, owner of Paul's Chevrolet and president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce for a second term, received the coveted 'Man of the Year' trophy at the annual Chamber of Commerce installation dinner last week.

The award, presented for outstanding civic leadership during the year, was presented by Marvin M. Schwab, last year's 'Man of the Year.'

Loranger was nominated for the Laughton-Whyte trophy by Russell H. Lund who cited Loranger's accomplishments in bringing recognition to the city of Torrance.

Loranger was chosen by a panel of judges from among a number of other nominees.

Loranger received a standing ovation from the more than 300 people in the audience.

Principal Address Among other highlights of the evening was Loranger's installation address during which he reviewed the city's progress (Turn to Page 11)

AN ALL-DAY CIVIL DEFENSE WORKSHOP will be held starting at 10 a.m. Friday, March 11, at Lomita park recreation center, 24410 Eshelman. The workshop is open to everyone, with emphasis on residents from Lomita, Waverly, Harbor City, and Palos Verdes. Similar workshops are being planned for other Torrance areas. Checking equipment are (l-r) Tim McCormick, Lomita Civil Defense chairman; George Powell, assistant director of Civil Defense (Torrance); Dr. B. A. Kogan, district health officer; and Mrs. Ruth Jacobs, of Trio R e b e k a h, who spearheaded the Lomita workshop.

Draws Gun In Argument, Flees When Challenged

A man who pulled a gun on acquaintances whom he met in a Keystone cafe and then fled on having his bluff called was arrested this week on charges of assault and battery, drawing a firearm in the presence of others, and carrying a concealed weapon.

Arrested by Lennox sheriffs was Robert E. Hurst, 38, of 4544 E. 57th st., Maywood.

Hurst, according to police files, had been arguing with Walter W. Brueggman, 30, and Stephen L. Carmen, 26, both of Bellflower at 20706 S. Norman-

die early last Saturday morning. After a while, Hurst left only to return a while later to shake hands with the two men and to say there were 'no hard feelings.'

As the three left through the front door, Hurst allegedly pulled a .22 calibre automatic with a six-inch barrel and stuck it in Brueggman's stomach. 'You wouldn't dare shoot,' Carmen answered.

Hurst allegedly struck Carmen on the right side of his face with the gun.

Following this episode, Violet (Turn to Page 11)



PAUL LORANGER... also new Chamber President

Smith-Dresser File Too Late, Lose Case

Because of delaying too long in their appeal, Judge Arnold Praeger, threw the appeal of reinstatement as city building inspectors filed by Cecil Smith and James Dresser out of court Tuesday.

Smith and Dresser contested the action of the Torrance City Council which voted to fire the men following an investigation into local building practices.

The Council overruled the Civil Service Board which only recommended temporary suspension.

The two men can appeal Judge Praeger's verdict, it was disclosed.

'Mole' Robbery Suspect Caught

A robbery suspect, who allegedly used the loot to buy narcotics, was caught by two alert Torrance police officers following a broadcast of a robbery.

Arrested on charges of armed robbery was Raymond Emerson Parker, 22, of 20320 Valerie st. Parker was caught by Officers Jack Hahn and Bob Wright last Thursday night shortly after a description of his car was broadcast in connection with a \$78 robbery at Welch's Liquor store, 182nd and Hawthorne.

Parker, allegedly responsible for a number of local robberies including a recent one at the Roadium theater, buried his loot in glass jars, according to Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton.

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Nab Ex-cop Woman In Opium Arrest

A faked auto accident in front of a dope suspect's home led to the arrest of a retired Los Angeles police lieutenant now living in Torrance and a San Pedro police telephone operator at the latter's home in which arresting officers found 'enough opium to last 100 years.'

Thomas M. Rankin, 56, of 2001 W. 164th st., and Miss Ebba J. Irwin, 43, were picked up in the woman's, San Pedro apartment.

About 140 ounces of raw opium divided into 20 cans sealed with adhesive tape were found by raiding officers. Narcotics were valued at \$10,000.

Acting on an anonymous tip, deputies faked an auto accident in front of the Irwin home. When she came to the door, officers entered.

Rankin allegedly admitted that the opium belonged to him. It was found beside a bed on which he was lying.

Both Rankin and Miss Irwin denied that she used dope.

Rankin told Capt. K. E. Irving, of the sheriff's office, that the narcotics were for his own use.

Irving was highly skeptical of the statement, saying, 'There's enough here to last 100 years.'

Also found in the house was a complete opium kit, a peanut oil lamp, and genuine Chinese opium scale, considered to be quite rare but used by addicts. Rankin was said to be suffering from arthritis.

Residents Purchase Trees On Andreo

Civic-minded residents along Andreo avenue between 220th and 222nd streets banded together, and, at a cost of \$1.85 per tree, beautified their street by planting 28 new trees.

The new trees replaced the pepper trees which the city removed free of cost.

'We thought that other homeowners would be interested to know that they can beautify their street at very little cost,' Mrs. Stanley Hroza of 2031 Andreo said.

Local Youngsters to Receive Polio Shots

Awaiting the outcome of present studies, Torrance youngsters in the first and second grade may soon have a chance to receive anti-polio shots provided they have their parents' consent.

Such a proposed polio immunization program received the OK of the Torrance Board of Education.

The County Department of Health is making plans to give the shots to youngsters if current tests of the serum prove successful, Dr. Benjamin A. Kogan, of the local health office, told the Board.

The shots would be given through the schools, provided the child has the consent of the parents.

Evaluation of the vaccine's effectiveness is expected to be completed by April 1. The vaccine was discovered by Dr.

Full-Time Check Seen For Sumps

A heavy agenda kept the Council from taking action against the dangerous oil sumps Tuesday night, but City Manager George Stevens stated during an interview with a Torrance Press reporter that he is considering hiring someone full-time to keep a constant watch on the Torrance oil fields and to cite violators.

Stevens also said that he would ask that an ordinance be drawn up this week to be submitted to the Council at its next meeting Tuesday, March 15, at 5:30 p.m.

Since the oil sump incident last week, George Powell and Cy Weber made a survey of the Torrance oil field and drew up a list of recommendations to be incorporated in the ordinance.

The two men found nine violations during their survey, including unfenced sumps, broken down fences (where dump trucks had backed up against the sump), oil spills, and oil pools around abandoned wells.

Following last week's accident and newspaper publicity involving an unfenced sump on 229th street near Arlington, the well operator took immediate steps to drain the sump.

Cracks Safe, Makes Off With \$300

Interruptions are always frustrating, especially for burglars. A safe-cracker had to cut his activities short sometime Friday morning, but not without first making off with \$300, when he was detected at the Public Loan company, 1607 Cravens avenue.

The burglary was reported by Robert Holmstedt of 1407 Beech avenue. Holmstedt arrived at around 5 a.m. to clean up the office.

He found that the burglar had apparently wheeled the safe from the front office into the back office. The windows had been covered with desk blotters and the safe had been cracked.

Commenting on the way the safe had been broken into, Det. Capt. Ernie Ashton said that this was 'one of the cleanest jobs I ever saw.'

Holmstedt and a companion ran out the back door to alarm police upon discovering the burglary. Upon returning, the back door was locked, causing police to theorize that the intruder had heard Holmstedt coming, hidden, and then escaped as Holmstedt went for the police.

The intruder left money in the safe, probably because he had been surprised in the act, police figured.

Named to the group's board of directors were: Paul Diamond of the Gay Shop, Abe Robinson, Lawson's Jewelers; Sam Levy, Levy's department (Turn to Page 11)

\$2200 STOLEN AT HIGH NOON

Someone who apparently knew where the key was to the cash box stole \$2200 in broad daylight Sunday noon at Owl Rexall drug store, corner Hawthorne avenue and Pacific Coast highway, according to Torrance police.

The amount consisted of about \$800 in currency and the rest in checks, it was disclosed.

It's as Simple as FA 8-2345

If you have a problem solve it with a classified ad! It's as simple as A. B. C.—just call FA 8-2345 and ask for 'classified.'

Don't worry about: 1) wording your ad... a friendly classified salesgirl knows just how to word it for you; 2) cost... classified ads are inexpensive. Fifteen words only cost 90 cents. We'll help you say it in 15 words.

3) results... your phone will ring and your bell will buzz all day long. Just ask Mrs. Mark Salcido of 908 Teri avenue, who ran the following ad:

CRIB, chifferobe. Excellent condition, \$35. FA 8-1866

She sold the crib right away and, as many Torrance Press classified advertisers, was pleased with the results.

Dad Critical In Racer Crash

A Torrance father was burned critically when the midget race car which he was demonstrating for his 9-year-old son crashed and burst into flames Sunday.

Still critical but slightly improved is C. V. Goodwin of 1018 W. 222nd st., Torrance. Doctors said he suffered second and third degree burns over the upper half of his body.

Goodwin, according to San Pedro police, was demonstrating the home-made vehicle on a dirt track in San Pedro when it overturned.

It burst into flames right away. Two spectators, John Wadman and Charlie Sherow of San Pedro, rushed to the scene.

Unable to get Goodwin out of the car, the two men tipped the car back up on its wheels, threw dirt on the engine to put out the fire, and dragged Goodwin out.

Goodwin was unconscious at the time. Police were told that Goodwin was taking the souped-up car around the track at 50 m.p.h. when it flipped over and burned.

Whittlesey Takes His Own Life

Matthew B. Whittlesey Jr., 42, Torrance auto dealer, took his own life last Thursday afternoon when he shot himself in the bedroom of his home at 4009 Via Pavion, Palos Verdes Estates.

While he left a number of notes and instructions around the house, Whittlesey did not give any reason for killing himself.

A possible motive was offered by his brother, George Whittlesey, of 2705 Via Anita, who said that the deceased had been despondent over a heart condition from which he had been suffering for the past year.

Whittlesey is survived by his widow, Melva; a son, Matthew 3 and two daughters, Diane, 17, and Sidney, 15; four brothers, his parents; and a sister.

When Mrs. Whittlesey and a friend, Mrs. Mary Stephens of Beverly Hills, returned to the Whittlesey home late Thursday afternoon, they found a sign on the front door reading, 'Do not come in. Call the police,' according to Palos Verdes police.

A similar note hung on the bedroom door. When the two women were unable to open the door, they called Palos Verdes police, who rushed to the scene.

Lying On Floor Officers found Whittlesey lying on his back in a corner of the room, with newspapers spread out underneath his head (Turn to Page 11)

Huge Tract Halted Over Water Issue

Controversy over who should provide water service to the new Milton Kauffman tract intended for Hawthorne ave. and Torrance blvd., halted approval of the first subdivision, temporarily at least.

Spokesman for the Kauffman company said that the Dominguez company actually has a floating easement to the land and thus forced Kauffman to agree to have Dominguez service the proposed 2000 homes.

Councilman Willys Blum, and other members of the council were not willing to let a private water company take over the area when the Torrance Water Department could serve the area just as well.

Blum asked that City Attorney James Hall investigate the matter to see what steps Torrance can take legally to take (Turn to Page 11)

HARBOR CITY MAN KILLED

A pedestrian was killed Monday night at 7:15 p.m. when he was struck by an auto while crossing the street at Normandie and 255th st., according to San Pedro police.

Dead is Clarence Magness, 41, of 1005 West 256th street, Harbor City. Magness was thrown 65 feet by the impact.

He was struck by a car driven by Ralph M. White, 47, of 832 Upland avenue, San Pedro. White was not held.



NEW NARBONNE HIGH SCHOOL—Los Angeles City School officials and County Supervisor Burton W. Chace operate giant earth moving equipment used to break ground for new Narbonne high school, to be built on Western avenue north of Lomita boulevard. Operating machine is Robert W. Kelly, Los Angeles city school's associate superintendent of senior high schools, while Earl B. ... Narbonne principal, and Chace look over site.